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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

SUBJECT : Target Study of GDR State Office for Statistics

REFERENCE : [REDACTED] 25X1A

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1. In February 1956, [REDACTED] discussed with members of your office, the re-examination of our efforts concerning the economic coverage of East Germany and indicated his desire to attack this target on a new, high-level and selective basis. The plan which was outlined would concentrate our operational efforts on those select components of the GDR Government which have an overall responsibility for complete economic areas above the ministerial level. However, in order to make a sound approach to these components, a target study on each selected component is necessary.

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2. Discussions held subsequently resulted in a mutual agreement that ORR will prepare one such target study, or pilot project, on a trial basis rather than include all of the selected economic components. The completed study will be sent [REDACTED] for additions and comments on its usefulness and suitability to operational use, and for justification toward preparing additional studies.

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3. The component selected for the pilot project is the State Office for Statistics (Staatliche Zentralverwaltung fuer Statistik), a subordinate element of the State Planning Commission. It is requested that your office prepare a target study on the Office, to include:

- a. A detailed organizational description.
 - b. Background data.
 - c. Identities and biographic backgrounds of employees.
 - d. The general requirements that could be fulfilled.
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4. While no deadline has been set for the completion of the study, we should appreciate receiving it as soon as possible in order to expedite our efforts in the field.

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